



“And the king will say to them in reply, Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

April 2019

Dear Friend,

Have you experienced heart break, loss, devastation? A time when you felt so lost and unsure of where to go or what to do. . . Luke was feeling just that; lost and unsure of where to go or what to do. He was devastated, heart broken and suffering. ***Can you imagine his desire for hope and direction?***

A friend suggested a Pieta Prayer Book. He visited the gift shop at the Shrine to purchase one. ***Luke entered the Pilgrim Gift Shop in search of a book, but he received so much more.***

He experienced a greeting of compassion from Deb’s warm smile and gentleness. Then he experienced Fred’s sincere nurturing – “What a breath of fresh air!” ***They prayed with Luke and listened to him.*** He tried to unfold and to understand what was happening to him. His tears flowed as he shared his loss, his pain and his suffering. . . he wondered what he was to do . . . What did God have in store for him? Have you ever felt this way?

There are many others like Luke, who feel lost; who are hurting and searching. ***They long for nurturing and hope. Your financial support will make that nurturing and hope possible for Shrine visitors.*** They seek peace, prayer and spiritual nourishment. They need help and strength on their journey to faithfully carry their cross. Will you help?

Suffering is so hard and Luke wondered, ***“Why he could not break the chains that bound him? And why could he not get over this hurt and be set free?”***

His prayer and conversion opened his heart, and he realized that his sins were keeping him from Christ. ***That same prayer and conversion allowed him to walk closer to Christ and grow in his faith. Luke came to realize that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted and suffering. Do you agree?***

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I understand the need for nurturing, hope and direction . . . I want to help!

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This brokenness that Luke was enduring allowed him to unite with Christ on the cross. He spends more time in prayer and feels as if layers are being peeled away to get to the real him! ***After the love and support Luke received on his many visits to the Shrine in the gift shop, chapel and with the Young Adult Group, he is now able to minister to others.*** You can make a difference, please consider a generous gift today! Your support helps to keep the ministry here at the Shrine available for others.

Many are on this journey and long for eternal life with the loving Father who created us. Who can you share the Shrine with today?

The Shrine needs your help. When you make your gift, you may also note your special intentions on the form below. There is an enclosed return envelope for your convenience. You may choose to make your gift online: mariasteinshrine.org/support-the-ministry. May it bring you joy to support something that you believe in.

Praying that your Lenten journey is transformational,


Don Rosenbeck
President


Diana Russell
Director of Fund Development



< A few members of the Young Adult Group pictured here. (Staff photo)

Young Adults 20-35 are welcome to join the Group for coffee and faith conversation. They meet on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Gast Gallery on the 2nd floor of the Shrine.

***Fred and Deb saw Christ in Luke, and Luke saw Christ in them.
May we all look for Christ in others & be Christ to others.***

Note your special intentions below, and we will pray for you at midday prayer.
